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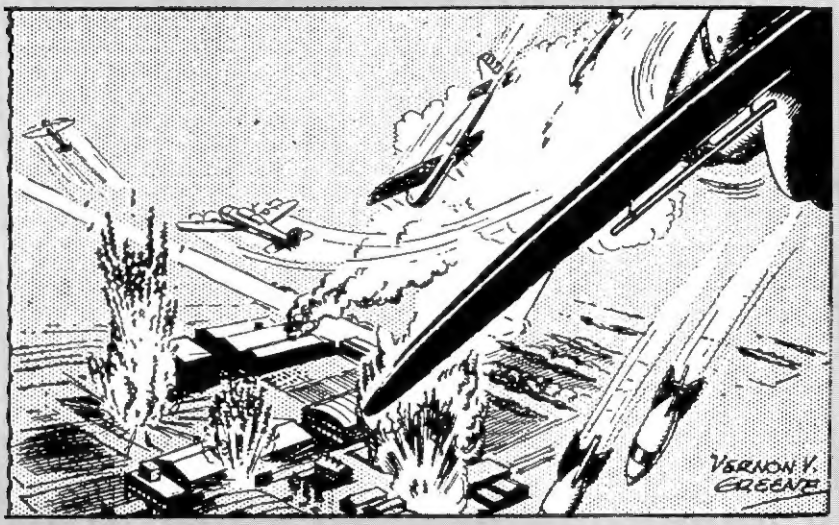

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THE SHADOW VS THE BUND

LAMONT CRANSTON IS COMPLETING A LABORATORY TEST FOR BOB JORMAN OF THE F.B.I., WHEN MARGO LANE PHONES. SHE WARNS THAT KURT SCHORN, LEADER OF THE BUND, IS COMING TO THE LAB --

I'LL NEED THIS CLOAK AND HAT, AND A GUN, TOO, WHEN I LOOK FOR SCHORN

HERE GOES -- FOR CRANSTON AND THE SHADOW BOTH!

IN THE LAB-

CLEVER OF CRANSTON LEARNING THAT EVAPORATION CONVERTS LACQUER INTO AN EXPLOSIVE! SAY! THE STUFF IS SIZZLING. I'D BETTER TELL HIM!

Ledger Syndicate

KURT SCHORN!

I'LL GET YOU NEXT, JORMAN-YOU AND ANY OTHER FEDS!

BUT YOU'RE JUST TOO LATE TO GET ME FIRST!

WE'RE TAKING YOU ALIVE, SCHORN!

VERNON V GREENE D-25

LET SCHORN LOOSE! I'LL CLIP HIM FOR YOU!

I'LL GET HIM MYSELF WHEN I LAND THIS GUN!

MY TURN THIS TIME, JORMAN!

Ledger Syndicate

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SCHORN'S GOING THROUGH THE LAB. COME ON, WE'LL STOP HIM!
HE'S GRABBED A CAN OF EXPLOSIVE!
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I'LL GO AFTER HIM WITH THIS ONE!
VERNON GREENE
NO, JORMAN! IF YOU DROP IT YOU'LL BLAST THE LAB!
OW! IT'S HOT! I CAN'T HOLD IT!
BOB JORMAN DROPS THE BOILING CAN OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE----
IT'S GOOD-BYE--US!
NOT QUITE! THE OLD STATUE OF LIBERTY PLAY IS STILL A GOOD ONE!
HOT, EVEN WHEN HANDLED WITH GLOVES! A LITTLE JUGGLING WILL COOL IT!
LOOK OUT! SCHORN IS THROWING THE OTHER CAN
Ledger Syndicate
AND A STRAIGHT HIT! ON THE FLY!
ARE THEY BOTH IN THERE, KURT?
CRANSTON AND JORMAN?
YES! AND THE SHADOW, TOO! IT IS DEATH TO ALL.
VERNON GREENE
D-27

HAVING WRECKED CRANSTON'S LABORATORY, BURYING ITS OCCUPANTS IN THE RUINS, KURT SCHORN, THE BUND LEADER, DEPARTS WITH THE MEMBERS OF HIS EVIL-DOING TRIBE.
CRANSTON WAS THE SHADOW HE AND THE FED ARE DEAD. WE HAVE LEARNED HOW POWERFUL THE LACQUER EXPLOSIVE IS, AND THE SECRET REMAINS OURS!
IN THE LAB
JORMAN IS REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS I'LL STOW AWAY THIS HAT AND CLOAK.

WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT THE SHADOW, JORMAN?
HE SAVED OUR LIVES, CRANSTON! THE BOMB HE THREW HIT THE ONE SCHORN CHUCKED! BOTH BURST IN THE DOORWAY THE BLAST DIDN'T REACH US.
VERNON V. GREENE D-28

NO SIGN OF THE SHADOW. HE'S GONE AFTER SCHORN. I'LL CALL MY MEN----
I WOULDN'T DO THAT, JORMAN! I KNOW A BETTER WAY TO DEAL WITH KURT SCHORN!
THERE IS A BETTER WAY--- THE SHADOW KNOWS!

AS CRANSTON, THE SHADOW REVEALS HIS PLAN---
SCHORN THINKS WE'RE DEAD. HE WILL, THEREFORE GO THROUGH WITH HIS SCHEME REGARDING EXPLOSIVE LACQUER
I GET IT, CRANSTON! HE'LL NEVER GUESS THAT DEAD MEN ARE CHECKING ON HIM

IT MEANS INVESTIGATING SHIPMENTS FROM THE LACQUER PLANT. WHO WILL DO THAT FOR US?
I'LL TELL YOU AFTER WE'RE IN THE CAR. WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO SEE TWO "DEAD MEN" ALIVE!

THE SHADOW

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--"AND SEARCHERS BELIEVE THE BODIES WERE BLOWN TO ATOMS"--
LAMONT! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
VERY MUCH SO, MARGO. I HAVE A LOT TO TELL YOU
AND AT THE LACQUER FACTORY, INQUIRE ABOUT FUTURE SHIPMENTS
BUT, SUPPOSE THEY WON'T TELL ME
THEY WILL, WHEN THEY SEE THESE CREDENTIALS. THESE MAKE YOU A "G"-GIRL MISS LANE
Ledger Syndicate
THE LANE GIRL. KURT
FORGET HER, FREDA. SHE ISN'T A FED.
VERNON GREENE 6-29
KURT SCHORN IS WRONG MARGO LANE IS A FED!
AT THE LACQUER FACTORY---
YES, MISS LANE, THIS SPECIAL SHIPMENT OF LACQUER IS CONSIGNED TO AN ASSEMBLY PLANT, WHERE AIRPLANES ARE TO BE COMPLETED
A BOTTLE-NECK!
Ledger Syndicate
PROBABLY AN OLD PLANT CONVERTED TO NEW USE. BUT WE WON'T KNOW, UNTIL THE SHIPMENT ORDER COMES.
THANK YOU. MAY I USE THIS TELEPHONE - PRIVATELY?
SPLAY DEPT.
GOOD WORK, MARGO. I WANT YOU TO RE-PEAT ALL THE FACTS TO JORMAN
I SEE!---YES. UNDOUBTEDLY KURT SCHORN AND THE BUND WILL WATCH FOR THAT SHIPMENT--YES, AND USE THE EXPLOSIVE LAC-QUER TO BLAST THE ASSEMBLY PLANT!
VERNON V. GREENE 6-30
CRANSTON, WE'VE GOT TO BLOCK KURT SCHORN--SAY! WHERE IS CRANSTON? WHY DID HE GO OUT?
NO?
WHY? THE SHADOW KNOWS!

THE SHADOW VS THE BUND

KURT SCHORN AND HIS BUND ARE WATCHING FOR A SHIPMENT OF LACQUER DESTINED FOR AN AIRPLANE ASSEMBLY PLANT. THEY INTEND TO FOLLOW, CONVERT THE LACQUER INTO HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND BLAST THE ASSEMBLY PLANT!
GOOD WORD, FREDA, FROM OUR INSIDE MEN AT THE LACQUER FACTORY. A SPECIAL SHIPMENT IS GOING OUT AFTER THE CLOSING HOUR! IT IS THE SHIPMENT WE EXPECTED KURT!
AT THE LACQUER FACTORY
YOU ARE MY MOST TRUSTED MEN. DELIVER THIS SHIPMENT TO THE OLD APEX AUTOMOBILE PLANT
I KNOW THE PLACE. IT'S BEEN EMPTY FOR YEARS
ODD THAT I SHOULD FIND THIS IMPORTANT ORDER ON MY DESK, AFTER EVERY ONE ELSE HAD GONE.
DISPLAY ROOM
YOU'LL PHONE NOBODY. KURT SCHORN TOLD US TO STOP YOU!
MAYBE I SHOULD PHONE THE FEDS. WHAT--
THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO HELP YOU
VERNON L GREENE
D-31
ALLOW ME TO CORRECT THAT STATEMENT!
THE SHADOW!
BUT I DON'T THINK LAMONT CRANSTON CAME HERE TO THE LACQUER FACTORY, MR. JORMAN!
LOADING PLATFORM
HE MIGHT HAVE-- LISTEN! I HEAR GUNS!
Ledger Syndicate
MISS LANE! LOOK--THE SHADOW SAVED ME FROM THOSE BUND MEMBERS WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM!
HE DOESN'T NEED ANY HELP!
LACQUER
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THIS IS BOB JORMAN OF THE F.B.I.
SO YOU SHIPPED THE LACQUER! TO THE OLD APEX AUTO-MOBILE PLANT! BUT WHO PUT THE ORDER ON YOUR DESK?
I DON'T KNOW
I DID!
THE APEX PLANT IS TO BE USED FOR AIRPLANE ASSEMBLY AND YOU SENT THE STUFF THERE! YOU'RE WORKING WITH THE BUND!
CAREFUL WITH THAT TRIGGER, JORMAN! YOU STILL HAVE MUCH TO LEARN
THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO USE FOR THE OLD APEX PLANT I MERELY NAMED IT AS A DECOY
SO KURT SCHORN AND THE BUND WOULD GO THERE INSTEAD OF THE REAL ASSEMBLY PLANT!
EXACTLY! AND WHILE THEY ARE PLACING THE EXPLOSIVES-
I'LL GET THERE WITH A SQUAD OF FEDS AND ROUND THEM UP! I'M ON MY WAY NOW!
WHAT A SURPRISE FOR KURT SCHORN AND THE BUND, WHEN JORMAN AND THE FEDS POP IN!
"AND UPON COMPLETING THE PRACTICE RAID---"
WAIT, MARGO.
DRIVE FOR THE APEX PLANT, MARGO! WE MUST GET THERE BEFORE THE FEDS! IT'S LIFE OR DEATH!
Ledger Syndicate

KURT SCHORN AND THE BUND ARE AT THEIR GOAL!
SO THIS IS THE APEX PLANT, TO BE USED FOR ASSEMBLING AIRPLANES. WELL, THE LACQUER IS HERE. UNLOAD IT MEN. PUNCH HOLES IN THE LIDS!
Ledger Syndicate
BUT, THE PLACE LOOKS ABANDONED, KURT!
THAT MEANS NOTHING, FREDA. THE MACHINERY WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE LATER. BY THEN, THE EVAPORATING LACQUER WILL EXPLODE
BOB JORMAN AND THE FEDS ARE READY WHEN----
THERE'S THE APEX PLANT. KURT SCHORN AND THE BUND ARE IN IT—LET'S GO!
STOP! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
THE SHADOW!
IT CAN'T BE!
HE'S A PHONY! LET HIM HAVE IT!
Ledger Syndicate
NO, NO! DON'T SHOOT! HE IS THE SHADOW! MARGO LANE IS WITH HIM--
THANKS, JORMAN. I KNEW YOU'D KEEP COOL
NO NEED TO ATTACK THE APEX PLANT. I JUST PICKED UP A RADIO REPORT THAT ARMY PLANES ARE USING IT FOR TARGET PRACTICE TONIGHT! LISTEN--

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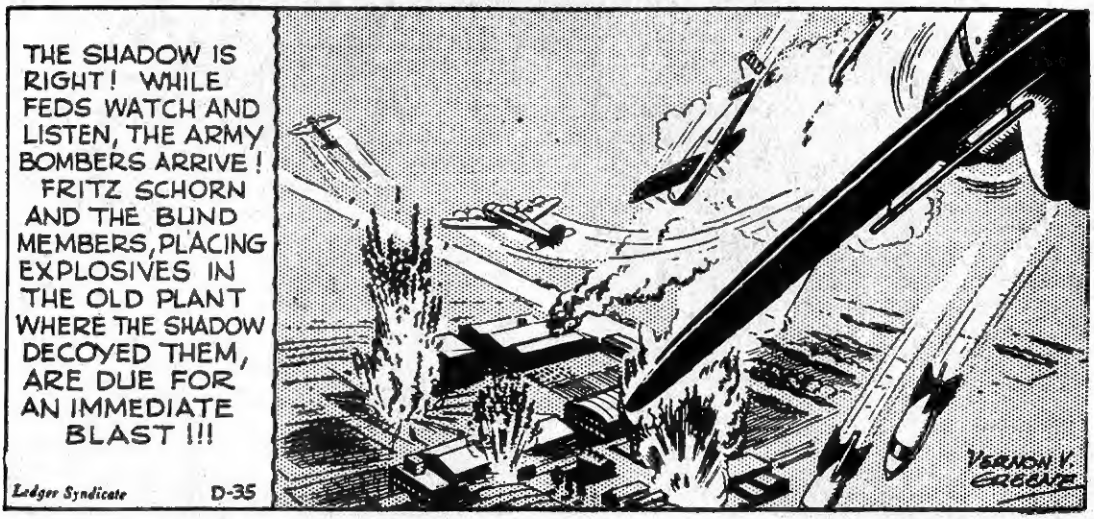
THE SHADOW IS RIGHT! WHILE FEDS WATCH AND LISTEN, THE ARMY BOMBERS ARRIVE! FRITZ SCHORN AND THE BUND MEMBERS, PLACING EXPLOSIVES IN THE OLD PLANT WHERE THE SHADOW DECOYED THEM, ARE DUE FOR AN IMMEDIATE BLAST !!!
Ledger Syndicate
D-35
VERNON V. GREENE

THERE'S AT LEAST A DOZEN BODIES IN THOSE RUINS
THE WHOLE BUND IS WIPED OUT
THANKS TO THE SHADOW
THAT'S THE END OF KURT SCHORN AND FREDA LUHN!
WE CAN'T BE SURE, MARGO. LISTEN!
THE SHADOW HAS BROUGHT DESTRUCTION TO THE BUND, BUT HIS KEEN EAR CATCHES THE SOUND OF A CAR, AMID THE DRONE OF DEPARTING ARMY BOMBERS.
PERHAPS THE LEADERS OF THE BUND STILL LIVE !!
VERNON V. GREENE
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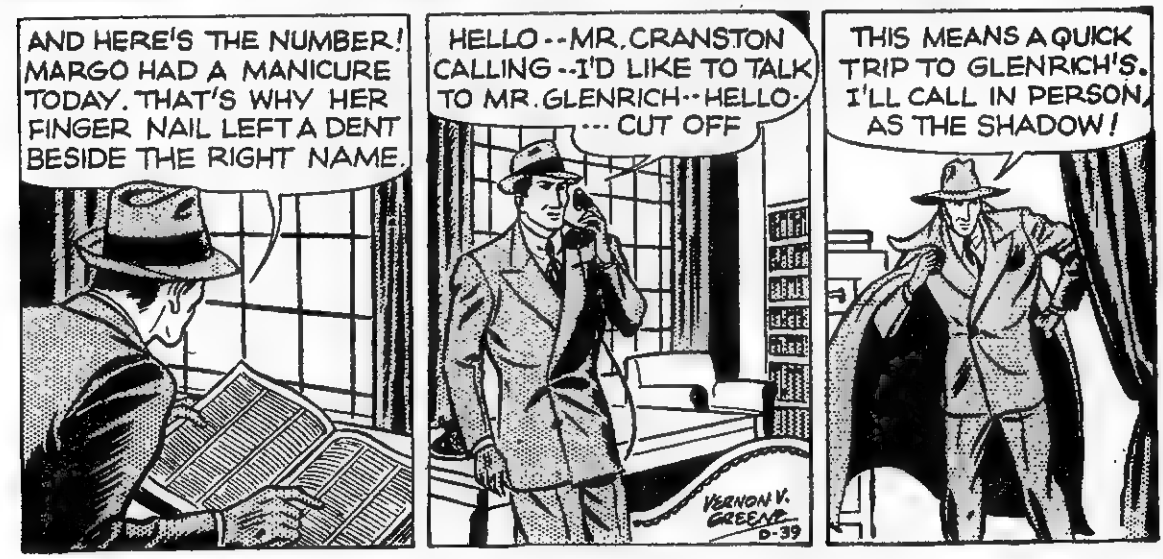
THE SHADOW VS THE BUND

IN PRIVATE LIFE THE SHADOW IS LAMONT CRANSTON, POPULAR CLUB MAN, A FACT SUSPECTED ONLY BY HIS SECRETARY, MARGO LANE.
THINGS HAVE BEEN VERY QUIET SINCE YOU--I MEAN SINCE THE SHADOW WIPED OUT THE BUND
TOO QUIET, MARGO. IT MAKES ME BELIEVE THAT MY SUSPICIONS ARE CORRECT.
KURT SCHORN AND FREDA LUHN, RING LEADERS OF THE BUND, MAY STILL BE ALIVE. HOWEVER, MY CONNECTION WITH THE CASE BROUGHT RESULTS, FOR INSTANCE, THIS LETTER
WHY, THIS WRITER PROMISES MORE FACTS ABOUT THE BUND. BUT HE ONLY SIGNS HIMSELF GX!
I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE, IN CASE WE HEAR FURTHER FROM HIM. I'M DROPPING OVER TO SEE COMMISSIONER WESTON.
LATER.
THE TELEPHONE! IT'S NOT LAMONT. HE HASN'T REACHED THE CLUB YET. I WONDER--COULD IT BE--GX?
D-37
Ledger Syndicate
NO, MR. CRANSTON ISN'T HERE--YOUR NAME IS OTTO GLENRICH?--YOU HAVE IMPORTANT DATA FOR HIM? YES, I'LL STOP BY.
GLENRICH MUST BE GX, THE MAN WHO KNOWS ABOUT THE BUND! I'D BETTER CHECK ON HIM-- YES, HERE'S HIS NAME IN THE PHONE BOOK!
NOW TO LEAVE A NOTE FOR LAMONT, TO TELL HIM WHERE I'VE GONE!

MARGO LANE IS NOW SURE THAT KURT SCHORN AND FREDA LUHN, RINGLEADERS OF THE BUND, ARE STILL ACTIVE. BUT, IN HER HURRY, MARGO FAILS TO SEE ····
THERE GOES THE LANE GIRL. NOW TO GET UP TO THAT OFFICE!
Ledger Syndicate
VERNON V. GREENE
D-38
THIS IS FREDA··YES, KURT, SHE'S OFF TO GLENRICH'S. I'M TAKING THE NOTE SHE LEFT FOR CRANSTON.

LAMONT CRANSTON RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE ···
BACK EARLY, MARGO. THE COMMISSIONER WASN'T AT THE CLUB. HELLO·· MARGO HAS GONE.
Ledger Syndicate
ODD THAT SHE DIDN'T LEAVE A NOTE. WAIT, THOUGH! THIS TELEPHONE CORD MAY HELP.
NICE OF MARGO TO CLOSE THE PHONE BOOK ON THE CORD, AFTER LOOKING UP A NUMBER. I'VE FOUND THE PAGE··


AND HERE'S THE NUMBER! MARGO HAD A MANICURE TODAY. THAT'S WHY HER FINGER NAIL LEFT A DENT BESIDE THE RIGHT NAME.
HELLO··MR. CRANSTON CALLING··I'D LIKE TO TALK TO MR. GLENRICH··HELLO·· ··· CUT OFF
VERNON V. GREENE
D-39
THIS MEANS A QUICK TRIP TO GLENRICH'S. I'LL CALL IN PERSON, AS THE SHADOW!

AT THE HOME OF OTTO GLENRICH---
HELLO, CRANSTON! I'M GX, WHO WROTE YOU ABOUT THE BUND! HELLO--- I'VE BEEN CUT OFF--
YOUR CALL IS ENDED, GLENRICH. I RIPPED OUT THE PHONE WIRES.
KURT SCHORN, THE BUND LEADER!
NATURALLY YOU REMEMBER ME. YOU BELONGED TO THE BUND ONCE. I EXPECT YOU TO KEEP THE PROMISE YOU MADE US!
I'D RATHER DIE THAN KEEP THAT PROMISE!
A NOBLE THOUGHT, GLENRICH. BUT YOU HAVE A FAMILY--
HERE ARE THE PAPERS THAT YOU DEMAND!
I KNEW I'D CONVINCE YOU BY TELLING HOW WE TORTURE INNOCENT PERSONS.
Ledger Syndicate
AND NOW, GLENRICH-- THE DEATH YOU WANT---
NO, NO, SCHORN!
VERNON GREENE
D-40
ODD THAT GLENRICH DOESN'T ANSWER!-- WHAT'S THAT!---IT SOUNDED LIKE A SHOT!
Ledger Syndicate
FREDA LUHN-- OF THE BUND!
IT WAS A SHOT YOU HEARD, AND YOU'LL HEAR ANOTHER, MISS LANE, UNLESS YOU DO AS I SAY. STEP INSIDE!
KEEP GOING PAST THOSE CURTAINS. KURT SCHORN IS HOLDING OPEN HOUSE. HE'LL BE GLAD TO SEE YOU-

SO YOU DID AWAY WITH GLENRICH, AFTER HE GAVE YOU THE DOCUMENTS.
YES, SO HE CAN'T TALK TO CRANSTON, NEITHER WILL THIS GIRL. WE'RE TAKING HER ALONG.
MEANWHILE.
I'M TAKING THE BACK WAY INTO GLENRICH'S. DRIVE AROUND FRONT, SHREVIE. LOOK FOR MARGO LANE.
O.K., BOSS, I GET YOU.
VERNON V GREENE
RATES
D-41
THE SHADOW ARRIVES AT THE HOME OF OTTO GLENRICH, WHERE THE BUND LEADERS, KURT SCHORN AND FREDA LUHN, HAVE MURDERED GLENRICH AND CAPTURED MARGO LANE!!!
Ledger Syndicate
THIS SHIP'S DECK VERANDA LOOKS LIKE A GOOD WAY INTO THE PLACE!
I'VE LOCKED THE DOORS, KURT, AS YOU WANTED. NOW, HOW DO WE GET OUT?
I'LL SHOW YOU, FREDA. WHAT'S THAT? A LAUGH-- A VOICE
LOCKED DOORS CAN NOT BAR THE SHADOW!
THE ELUSIVE STRAINS OF THE SHADOW'S CHILLING LAUGH BAFFLE LISTENERS, UNTIL--
NOT WHILE THERE ARE WINDOWS!
THE SHADOW!
I KNEW YOU'D GET HERE!
VERNON V. GREENE
D-42
GET BEHIND ME, FREDA! GOOD! NOW, SHADOW-- SHOOT! WITH MARGO AS YOUR TARGET!

THE SHADOW VS THE BUND

THE SHADOW FINDS OTTO GLENRICH, MURDERED BY KURT SCHORN, LEADER OF THE BUND..

IN ADDITION, SCHORN AND HIS ACCOMPLICE, FREDA LUHN HAVE TRAPPED MARGO LANE !!!

STAY CLOSE BEHIND ME, FREDA. NOW, SHADOW, YOU CAN'T GET EITHER OF US!

STEADY, MARGO!

I'M STEADY. THEY'RE THE ONES TO WORRY.

YOU THINK SO, MISS LANE? FREDA--PRESS THAT SWITCH ON GLENRICH'S DESK.

ALL RIGHT, KURT!

Ledger Syndic.

WHY THE BACK OF THE FIRE PLACE IS OPENING!

VERNON V. GREENE

TOO LATE, SHADOW! WE'RE GOING OUT THROUGH GLENRICH'S SECRET EXIT, TAKING THE GIRL WITH US.

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NO RUSH, FREDA. THE SHADOW KNOWS HE CAN'T STOP US HE ISN'T EVEN AIMING.

HURRY, KURT!

TRYING TO SCARE ME, SHADOW?

ZING

Ledger Syndicate

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GRAB SCHORN! I'LL GET HIS GUN···
LOOK OUT! MARGO!
VERNON V. GREENE
THE SHADOW'S QUICK MOVE SAVES MARGO FROM FREDA'S FIRE.
HURRY, KURT! THROUGH HERE!
QUICK! FREDA IS GETTING SCHORN AWAY!
Ledger Syndicate
AS THE SHADOW SPRINGS TO AIM, THE PANEL CLOSES!····
SOLID STEEL! GLENRICH PROVIDED TOO WELL!
PING
D-45
THIS SWITCH WON'T WORK THE PANEL!
THEY'VE BOLTED IT FROM THE OTHER SIDE. COME ON WE MAY HAVE TIME TO HEAD THEM OFF.
VERNON GREENE

OUTSIDE GLENRICH'S HOUSE··
NO SIGN OF SCHORN OR FREDA!
THE SECRET EXIT MUST HAVE LED THE OTHER WAY- WE'LL GO AROUND THE HOUSE!
WE'RE LUCKY, KURT! HERE COMES A CAB··
YOU HAIL IT, FREDA. I'LL SETTLE THE DRIVER. WE CAN'T WASTE TIME.
AT THE EXIT OF THE SECRET TUNNEL THROUGH GLENRICH'S GARAGE
HELLO, MISS LANE! THE BOSS TOLD ME TO LOOK FOR YOU.
Ledger Syndicate
HE MUST HAVE MISTAKEN FREDA FOR YOU, MARGO ···SHE AND SCHORN ARE TAKING OVER THE CAB!
SHREVIE'S CAB! BUT WHY HAS HE STOPPED HERE?
THEY'LL KILL SHREVIE -YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY SAVE HIM!
I'LL MAKE HIM SAVE HIMSELF. WATCH!
VERNON GREENE
YOU AREN'T MISS LANE! SAY··· WHAT'S THAT!
PING
WHEREVER THOSE BULLETS ARE COMING FROM, I'M NOT WAITING!
I WAS GOING TO SLUG THE CABBY SO THE SHADOW WOULDN'T HEAR SHOTS!
AND FIND US? BAH! HE'S FOUND US ANYWAY!
Ledger Syndicate

SHREVIE'S SAFELY AWAY. IF SCHORN AND FREDA TRY TO TAKE THE CAB, I'LL GIVE THEM TROUBLE--
HERE COMES TROUBLE FOR US!
D-47
THERE'S WHERE THOSE SHOTS CAME FROM.
POLICE! THEY'LL BLAME THE CRIME ON US!
AND THERE GOES SOMEBODY! COME ON!
NOT UNTIL THEY FIND US-WHICH THEY WON'T
VERNON V. GREENE
TOO LATE TO STOP THEM--I'LL DRAW THESE SEARCHERS ONE WAY-YOU GO THE OTHER!
SCHORN AND FREDA ARE GETTING AWAY IN THE CAB! I HEAR IT!
KURT SCHORN-AND HIS ACCOMPLICE, FREDA LUHN, HAVE ESCAPED AFTER MURDERING WEALTHY OTTO GLENRICH--- WHILE ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK THAT FLIGHT, THE SHADOW AND MARGO LANE WERE MISTAKEN FOR THE CRIMINALS !!!
MISS LANE! SAY! WHO'S FIRING THOSE SHOTS UP IN THE AIR?
THE SHADOW, SHREVIE. HE'S DRAWING THE SEARCH AWAY FROM US. COME ON!
HALF AN HOUR. MARGO AND SHREVIE ARE SURELY AWAY--AH! MY FRIEND THE POLICE COMMISSIONER GOING INTO GLENRICH'S. I'LL WAIT ONE MINUTE--
THERE HE GOES, WHOEVER HE IS!
OVER TOWARD THE HOUSE.
COME ON-
Ledger Syndicate
I'M TELLING YOU-NOBODY CAME THIS WAY!
BUT WE SAW HIM!
I ASSURE YOU, I SAW NO ONE.
VERNON V. GREENE
MR. CRANSTON! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU CAME WITH WESTON.
ODD HE DIDN'T MENTION IT. I'M JOINING HIM IN THE HOUSE. HOPE YOU CHAPS HAVE LUCK.
D-48

AFTER MURDERING OTTO GLENRICH, KURT SCHORN, THE BUNDLEADER, HAS ESCAPED WITH HIS ACCOMPLICE, FREDA LUHN-THEIR TRAIL LOST, THE SHADOW HAS RETURNED TO GLENRICH'S HOUSE AS LAMONT CRANSTON--
Ledger Syndicate
HERE'S WHERE WE DITCH THIS CAB, FREDA, AND PICK UP OUR OWN CAR!
GOOD. THAT WILL THROW THE SHADOW OFF THE TRAIL!
BUT WON'T THE SHADOW TRACE US THROUGH THOSE PAPERS YOU TOOK FROM GLENRICH?
THESE? NEVER! NO ONE KNEW THAT GLENRICH HAD THEM THEY'LL BE INVALUABLE TO OUR CAUSE!
VERNON V. GREENE D-49

AT GLENRICH'S HOME--
YOU BELIEVE, COMMISSIONER, THAT KURT SCHORN IS STILL ALIVE?
YES. A SERVANT RECOGNIZED HIM. SCHORN MURDERED GLENRICH AND RIFLED THE SAFE!
PROBABLY SCHORN ESCAPED BY THIS VERANDA BUT WE HAVEN'T A CLUE TO WHY HE KILLED GLENRICH!
A PHONE CALL FOR MR. CRANSTON
HELLO, MARGO--YES, COME RIGHT OVER-- I'VE LEARNED WHY SCHORN KILLED GLENRICH!

HELLO, MARGO. COME IN. THE COMMISSIONER IS STILL TRYING TO CRACK THE GLENRICH MURDER!
LATER, MARGO!
BUT, LAMONT! YOU SAID YOU KNEW!
LOOK AT THIS SHIP MODEL, CRANSTON! SOMEONE MUST HAVE SHOT IT OFF THE MANTEL!

IT PROVES THERE WAS A STRUGGLE HERE. BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHY SCHORN MURDERED GLENRICH, NOR WHAT HE STOLE FROM THE SAFE!
VERNON GREENE
D-50
WE'RE ALONE, LAMONT. WHY DID SCHORN MURDER GLENRICH?
BECAUSE OF SHIPS, THE ONE THING ON GLENRICH'S MIND. THE THEME DOMINATES THIS HOUSE FROM THE KNOCKER ON THE FRONT DOOR, TO THIS NAUTICAL VERANDA-- SHIPS!!!
Ledger Syndicate
WE'VE SPENT THREE DAYS STUDYING THE SHIPPING BUSINESS AND HAVEN'T LEARNED A THING, LAMONT!
I STILL BELIEVE THAT SCHORN MURDERED GLENRICH FOR SOME REASON CONCERNING SHIPS!
BUT THE POLICE HAVE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED ALL OF GLENRICH'S AFFAIRS. HE HAD NO SHIPPING INTERESTS!
WHICH INDICATES THEY WERE A SECRET, AND THEREFORE SUPPORTS MY THEORY, MARGO!
FINANCIER'S DEATH REMAINS MYSTERY
YOU'RE HOPELESS, LAMONT!
YOU THINK SO, MARGO? THEN LOOK AT THIS OLD PHONE BOOK. IT LISTS ONE SHIP LINE THAT ISN'T NEW!
Ledger Syndicate
THE TROPICAL STAR LINE! BUT THEIR PHONE HAS-- BEEN DISCONNECTED.
AS I THOUGHT. GO OVER TO THEIR OFFICE, MARGO, AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN LEARN!
D-51
LAMONT CRANSTON BECOMES THE SHADOW!!!
WITH MARGO FOR A DECOY, I'LL LEARN IF THE CROOKS SHOW THEIR HAND!
VERNON GREENE

LOOKING FOR ANYBODY, LADY?
YES. FOR THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THIS OFFICE!
TROPICAL STAR LINE
THEY MOVED OUT A MONTH AGO. GONE BACK TO SOUTH AMERICA. BOUGHT A LOT OF SHIPS WHILE THEY WERE HERE!
BUT WHO OWNS THE COMPANY?
TROPICAL STAR LINE
NOBODY KNOWS. BUT I HEARD THEM SAY WHERE THE SHIPS WERE. AT A PLACE CALLED RYNSKILL!
Ledger Syndicate
THAT GIRL'S BEEN INSIDE LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT TOO MUCH.
HERE SHE COMES. CALL THAT CAB FROM THE CORNER. WE'LL TAKE HER WITH US.
THEY'VE SPOTTED MARGO. THEY'RE CALLING ME OVER, BOSS!
GO ON, THEN, SHREVIE. I'M RIDING WITH YOU-- ON THE CAB TOP!
VERNON V. GREENE D-52
MARGO LANE IS TRAPPED BY TWO OF KURT SCHORN'S MEN, WHEN...
TAXI!
GET INTO THE CAB AND KEEP QUIET!
Ledger Syndicate

BUT YOU MUST BE HURT--
NOT AT ALL. THEY MADE EXCELLENT BUFFERS. GET IN THE CAB, QUICKLY!
D-53
BUT IF THOSE TWO GET AWAY!
THEY WON'T. SEE! THE POLICE HEARD THE SHOTS. NOW TELL ME WHAT YOU LEARNED ABOUT THE TROPICAL STAR LINE!
VERNON V. GREENE
I LEARNED THAT THE TROPICAL STAR LINE HAS SHIPS AT A PLACE CALLED RYNKILL!
RYNKILL ON THE HUDSON! THOSE SHIPS ARE THE GHOST FLEET!
HERE'S THE PARKING LOT, BOSS.
THE GHOST FLEET?
YES, OLD SHIPS NOW READY FOR NEW SERVICE, MUCH NEEDED FOR SHIPPING SUPPLIES ABROAD. WE'RE GOING TO RYNKILL, MARGO!
I'LL CHECK ON THINGS HERE, BOSS.
THERE GO THOSE BUND GUYS, OFF TO THE HOOSEGOW. NO CHANCE OF WORD GETTING TO KURT SCHORN!
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RYNKILL 63?-- LISTEN, KURT. THE POLICE HAVE ARRESTED OUR TWO WATCHERS...
TELEPHO
THE SHADOW'S WORK- HE'S COMING HERE TO RYNKILL, FREDA!
I HOPE HE BRINGS THE LANE GIRL ALONG. THIS TIME WE CAN TRAP THEM BOTH, KURT!

FROM HIGH ABOVE THE HUDSON, THE SHADOW AND MARGO LANE VIEW THE GHOST FLEET, READY TO SAIL FOR PORTS UNKNOWN..
Ledger Syndicate

WHY! THOSE SHIPS HAVE STEAM UP!
EXACTLY IF KURT SCHORN HAS TAKEN OVER, THE FLEET WILL NEVER REACH IT'S DESTINATION. I'M GOING DOWN THERE!
VERNON V. GREENE D-55

BUT HOW CAN I HELP BY STAYING HERE?
IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, DRIVE AWAY YOUR DEPARTURE WILL GIVE ME WARNING.

THE PATH LEADING DOWN TO THE HUDSON..
BUT IF YOU EXPECT THE SHADOW, WHY AREN'T WE DOWN BY THE SHIPS?
FOR A VERY SIMPLE REASON, FREDA!
Ledger Syndicate

THE ONLY PATH LEADS PAST THE STORE-HOUSE OUR MEN WILL TRAP THE SHADOW THERE. WATCH ME SIGNAL THEM!
YOU THINK OF EVERYTHING, KURT!

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FROM HER CAR, MARGO LANE SEES SIGNALS FLASH!
KURT SCHORN AND THE BUND! I'LL HAVE TO OVERTAKE THE SHADOW, OR HE'LL BE CUT OFF!
SO SCHORN IS TRYING TO SET AN AMBUSH! GOOD! I'LL STEP IN HERE AND TURN IT IN REVERSE!
VERNON V. GREENE
KURT SCHORN AND FREDA LUHN!
WELL, WELL, MISS LANE---AND WHERE IS YOUR FRIEND, THE SHADOW?
DON'T TELL US THAT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM!
Ledger Syndicate
IF I'D ONLY STAYED IN THE CAR!
WE CAN MAKE HER TALK, KURT!
NO NEED TO WASTE TIME -- I'LL MOVE MY MEN INTO THE STORE-HOUSE!
SCHORN'S MEN, HEADING THIS WAY! THEY DON'T KNOW I'M IN HERE, SO-
I'LL ARRANGE A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR THEM!

HAVING CAPTURED MARGO LANE, KURT SCHORN SENDS BUND MEMBERS INTO THE STORE-HOUSE, TO AWAIT THE SHADOW--- WHO HAPPENS TO BE THERE AHEAD OF THEM!!
THE SHADOW!
AFTER HIM! BEFORE HE CAN GET AWAY!
MORE OF THEM! WELL ALL I NEED IS BIGGER AND BETTER BARRELS!
Ledger Syndicate
IF THEY FAIL, FREDA, I'LL USE THIS BOMB!
GOOD--ONE PEEP OUT OF YOU, MARGO, WILL BE YOUR LAST!!
VERNON V GREENE
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THE SHADOW IS BATTLING THE BUND --- WITH BARRELS!!
TWO MORE! I'LL TAKE THE LAST BARREL!
Ledger Syndicate
HE'S KNOCKED OUT OUR LAST TWO MEN, KURT!
GOOD! THAT LEAVES THE SHADOW ALONE IN THE STORE-HOUSE!

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YOU CAN YELL, NOW, MARGO. IT'S TOO LATE TO SAVE THE SHADOW!
OOH!
HERE GOES THE FINISHING TOUCH, FREDA!
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GOOD-BYE, SHADOW!
VERNON V. GREENE
THAT BLAST FINISHED THE SHADOW. LET'S START DOWN TO THE SHIPS, FREDA
ROLLING BARRELS DIDN'T HELP HIM! GET GOING, MARGO!
Ledger Syndicate
MEANWHILE, THE LAST BARREL···
REACHES THE DOCK BELOW THE PATH!
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WHAT A DIZZY TRIP THAT WAS!
VERNON V. GREENE
LATER
WHOEVER LEFT THAT HATCHWAY OPEN, CLOSE IT!
COME ON, MARGO-YOU'RE GOING WITH THE OTHER PRISONERS.
UNKNOWN TO SCHORN, THE SHADOW GOES WITH THE GHOST FLEET!

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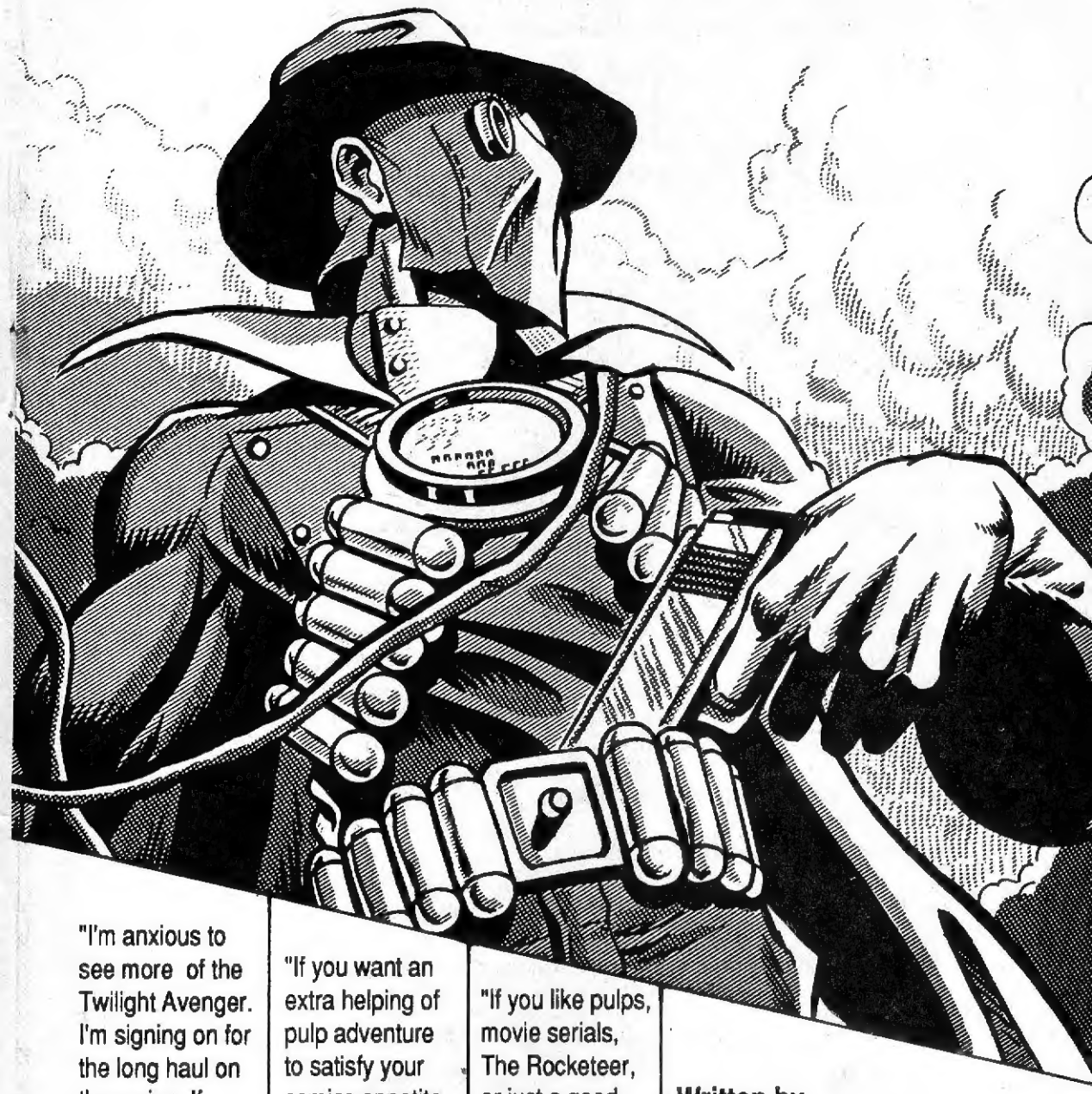

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